

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:25  
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FACILITY FOR AGEING ANIMALS  
Jagannath Dr. M.

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any special facility across the country to take care of ageing and infirm wild animals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to set up old-age homes for such animals?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Government at present does not have any special facility across the country to take care of ageing and infirm wild animals. The aged and infirm animals at present in captivity in different Zoos and Rescue Centres of the country are being maintained by the respective institutions. These animals are kept in off display area of the zoos and are not open for exhibition to visitors. Due attention is provided towards their upkeep and healthcare.

(c) Since the existing Zoos and Rescue Centres have the capability and infrastructure to take care of the aged and infirm animals, the need for creating separate facility for their care is not required.

(d) Does not arise.